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SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 31 CABINET APPROVED FOLLOWING
DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH GOJ POSITION IN MTN. (PROVISIONAL GOJ
TRANSLATION) END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT

BASIC POLICY ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, HAVING AS ITS
AIMS FURTHER EXPANSION AS WELL AS EVER GREATER LIBERAL-
IZATION OF WORLD TRADE, THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD
OF LIVING AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, AND
THE SECURING OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WILL COVER BOTH INDUS-
TRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND DEAL WITH TARIFFS,
NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND OTHER MEASURES THAT IMPEDE OR
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DISTORT TRADE.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GATT INCLUDING THOSE ON THE MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION TREATMENT, AND ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND OVERALL RECIPROCITY. THE NEGOTIATING RULES ARE EXPECTED TO BE FORMULATED AT A LATER DATE.

AS IT IS JAPAN'S VIEW THAT THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AS WELL AS OF JAPAN'S ECONOMY, IT IS HEREBY DECIDED THAT JAPAN SHOULD POSITIVELY PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE IN CONCERT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT BASED ON THIS BASIC POSITION, JAPAN WILL CONDUCT ITSELF IN THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVING REGARD TO SECURING ITS BASIC NATIONAL INTEREST AND NOTING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE GATT AND WITH A VIEW TO SECURING OVERALL RECIPROCITY.
2. SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS (INCLUDING ELIMINATION) OF TARIFFS WILL BE AIMED FOR.
3. THE ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES, OR THE TRADE RESTRICTING OR TRADE IMPEDING EFFECTS OF THESE MEASURES WILL BE AIMED FOR.
4. WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING A FURTHER PROMOTION OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND AIMING AT PRESERVING SUCH RESULTS, MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARDS, HAVING IN MIND THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, WILL BE EXAMINED.
5. IN RESPECT OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, CONSIDERING THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND BASED UPON MUTUAL BENEFITS THROUGH COOPERATION OF EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES, A STEADY EXPANSION UNDER STABLE MARKET CONDITIONS SHALL BE AIMED FOR.

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6. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO SECURING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF THESE COUNTRIES.

AT THE SAME TIME, RECIPROCITY WILL NOT IN PRINCIPLE BE EXPECTED ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

7. IF, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROGRESS OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS, REVIEW OF THE GATT PROVISIONS ARE DEEMED
NECESSARY, IT WILL BE DEALT WITH IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES
AND PRINCIPLES OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.
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